

Pharmaceutical

OR, THE

SHEPHERD'S ALMANACK.

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A Diary, or Register for the
Year, 1676.

Which is Bisextile  or Leap-
Year.

Wherein you have the Eclip-
ses, and an Astrological Figure;
and many other pretty things, fitting such
a work.

Calculated for the Meridian of
Ghotom (viz.) where the
Wise Men live.

By *John Bucknall, Shepherd*; a well-wisher
to ASTROLOGY, and PHYSICK.

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To the Shepherds, and Plow-men of England.

My beloved Country-men,

Considering your Candid acceptation of my small beginning ; I once more present you here with my Annual labours, accommodated as an Enchiridion for your Diurnal (and as well Nocturnal) occasions : which if they be favourably embraced, in the benign receptacle of your propitious acception, or at least over-shadow it with the benevolent Raies of your amicable sub-rection, they aptly at once very amply accommodate their end : and (hereby) most dexteriously (in fine) you answer my expectations. If Captious Zoilus (in the magnitude of his scurrility) or any of his malignant, and furious Off-spring, shall so far display the Banner of his Calumnious Indignation, as to shoot at me Infernal Granado's of derision, from the mimic Mortar-pieces of their Platoianism, in regard of the homely dress in which I have adventured it upon the Publick Stage, for the Worlds speculation ; I must tell him, he hath shot over my Head, and is as far beside the mark, as he sits awry, that's off the Cushion ; and instead of hitting the Lion, he beats the Anvil : Forasmuch as a mean Garb is most sympathitical with so Inferiour a stile ; and a plain suit of gray Sheeps-Russet, is as Congruous with a Shepherds Vocation, as a Velvet Coat becometh the degree of a Physician. As for my part, I really am what I profess, and to gratifie my Fellow Shepherds, have laboured more at the ground of the matter, than (at the Ink-pot Terms) of Verbal Ornaments ; knowing right well, that he that Courts his Pen, is apt to neglect his business. But lest I should tire your patience with a tedious Preface, I shall rest your Friend, in what I may, or can,
From my House in Stanton Juxta. John Bucknall.

Pont. Darby shire.

To John Bucknall, on his Diary.

WHY ? how now John ? art thou turn'd one of those
That view the Stars, and their quaint motion knows ?
I've heard some say those Lamps are as a Book,
By which ye do pretend that if ye look
Upon those Lights, as Letters you can read
What's done on Earth, and how things here succeed ;
And some Physicians say that they hereby
Can find Distempers, how ? and where they lye ?

And

And from the Question, or Decumbiture,
 Judge if, and when they shall perform the Cure;
 And I indeed sometimes practis'd that way,
 But seldom found that which the Artifts say
 Will rarely fail: And in your Art I spent
 Much pretious time (which unto me was lent)
 That I here mention, only to advise
 Thee t' prize thy time ; and in thy mirth be wife,
 Admit, some grant these second causes be,
 As ye suppose ; yet let not them lead thee
 So far into their Labbarinth as t' hold
 Thee as a Captive from thy Makers Fold.
 'Tis true, thy Book good Counsel gives unto
 Physitians, that they would some pity show
 Unto the Poor, and freely ease their grief ;
 So far as Physick will yield them relief.
 But hark thee, *John* ; wilt thou the first Man be ?
 If thou say yea ; I'me apt to second thee :
 And then (I think) we Practise shall deserve ;
 And have it too, if we so freely Carve.
John, what say'st thou to this which I propound ?
 Shall we advise the Poor, and salve his wound ?
 And freely give our Physick to ease his groans ;
 And when all's spent, draw more from Gold and Stones.
 Perhaps thou'l't say, I talk of things at large ;
 For Salts, and Menstruums, t' do't, are too much charge.
 But hold thee *John* ; thou know'st there are Rich Men
 T' assist us in't : If thou ask who ? or when ?
 Indeed I know not ! for I'me at a stand ;
 Not knowing who to th' Plow will set his hand !
 But stay my Pen ; my Memory doth call
 One now to mind, who doth out-strip us all :
 That's *William Herrick* ! whose most Lib'ral hand
 Hath been stretch'd forth to many in our Land.
 And *Harrington* (that Monument of Fame)
 In this respect to th' Poor hath done the same.
 And I could wish all Rich Physitians would
 Draw Aqua Regis, and dissolve their Gold :
 And then with Alchool of Wine proceed
 To draw the Tincture, gainst the Poor stand in need.

The Shepherds Almanack.

There's one thing more that in thy Book I see,
Thou bid'st the Millers, grind for th' Poor tole-free;
Perhaps they'l say, we'l not, for all the Poet,
If so (say I) let th' Wind, and Water do it.
No more I have, but that thou may'st do good
To them that need, Is wish'd by *John Tarwood.*

On the Author of this work.

Let Shepherds all now in conjunction meet,
That tread the flourie Hills, and Valleys sweet!
Let them assemble, and inform each other,
Of this their Fellow, this their starry Brother:
And let it be their confrence when they meet,
That now he looks the Stars, instead of Sheep:
And furthermore, may all the Swains suppose,
His Fold a constellation doth inclose:
Or that his Sheep-fold (once assign'd to Pan)
Is govern'd now by the Celestial Ram.
Reputed Scholars, and Scholastick-Men,
Contemn the Vulgar, and out-vapour them:
But for Mechanicks (let none crush them under,)
If they hold on, they'l make the World to wonder;)
Each Trades-man hath a Wit (let none abuse it,)
He hath a Genius if he list to use it.
The lowly Shepherd can erect his looks,
And in a solemn Grove peruse his Books:
Sit down and Read, and exercise his Brain,
As he is walking o're each lovely Plain;
Unto the Skies his lofty thoughts aspire,
Th' Celestial Sphere, to study, and admire!
To Read the Stars (their powerful Influence,)
And propagate the news deriv'd from thence.
Would Doctors, and Physitians cease their Art,
And frankly to the meaner sort impart
Their Books, and Coats, the needy would get wealth;
And ev'ry Patient apt to cure himself:
But if this motion do their minds offend,
We'l purchase Books our selves, and thereto bend
Our strong endeavours (and spare for no pains)
To learn their Science though we miss their gains.

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The begining and ending of the Terms
in this present Year, with their Returns.

Hillary Term begins *Jan. 24.* and ends *Feb.*
12. and hath 4. returns.

{ 1 } 8 days after *Hillary.* { 3 } the morrow after { *Puri.*
{ 2 } 15 days after *Hillary.* { 4 } 8 days after { *Mary.*

Easter Term begins *April 12.* and ends *May*
8. and hath 5. returns.

{ 1 } 15 days after *Easter.* { 4 } that day 5 weeks. }
{ 2 } that day 3 weeks after. { 5 } the morrow. } after
{ 3 } that day Month after. { }

Trinity Term begins *May 26.* and ends *June.*
14. and hath 4. returnss

{ 1 } the morrow after *Trin.* { 3 } 15 days after *Trin.*
{ 2 } 8 days after *Trinity.* { 4 } 3 weeks after,

Michaelmas Term begins *October 23* and end
November 28. and hath 6. returns

{ 1 } that day 3 weeks aft. *Mich.* { 4 } the morrow aft. }
{ 2 } that day Month after. { 5 } 8 days after { *Mar.*
{ 3 } the morrow after *All Souls* { 6 } 15 days after { }

Note also, the *Exchequer* opens 8. days before
any Term begins, except *Trinity* Term, in which
it opens but 4. days before.

THE glorious Planet *Venus*, which we Shep-
herds, call the Shepherd Star; is our bright
Evening Star, from the beginning of the Year, un-
til the 29th. of *August*; and then passing her Con-
junction with the Sun, is our glorious Morning Star,
again; and so continues to the end of the Year.

Common Notes for the Year, 1676. According to the *English*, and *Forreign* Account.

English Account.		Forreign Account.
5	Golden Number	5
5	Cycle of the Sun	5
5 A	Dominical Letters	5 D
25	Æpact	15
14	Roman Indiction.	14
January 23	Septuagesima	2 Feb.
Feb. 9	Ashwednesday	19 Feb.
Feb. 13	Quadragesima	23 Feb.
March 26	Easter-day	5 April
April 30	Rogation Sunday	10 April
May 4	Ascension day	14 May
May 14	Whit-Sunday	24 May
May 21	Trinity Sunday	31 May
Decem. 3	Advent Sunday	29 Nov.

Times forbidding Marriage.

From *Advent Sunday* in the last Year, until the 13th. of *January*, in this Year. Then at *Septuagesima*, *January* the 23d. it is forbidden, untill *Low Sunday*, *April* the 2d. And at *Rogation Sunday*, *April* the 30th. it is gone out again, untill *Trinity Sunday*, *May* the 21st. From whence it continueth untill *Advent Sunday*, viz. the 3d. of *December*.

Fairs kept at Darby.

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| 1. The Friday after <i>Epiphania</i> , | Jan. 7. |
| 2. The Friday in <i>Easter-week</i> , | March 31. |
| 3. The Friday after <i>May day</i> , | May 5. |
| 4. The Friday in <i>Whitsun-week</i> , | May 19. |
| 5. The Friday before <i>Mid-summer</i> , | June 23. |
| 6. On <i>St. James's day</i> , | July 25. |
| 7. The Friday before <i>St. Michael</i> , | Sept. 22. |

A Tide-Table, with the names of the Havens

	Hour.	Min.
Rochester, Ma'don, Aberdeen.	0	55
Gravesend, Rumney, Ramkins.	1	30
London, Tinnmouth, Harlepool.	3	0
Frith, Leith, Dunbar, Naibon.	4	30
Newcastle, Falmouth, Humber.	5	15
Lyn, Antwerp, Plymouth, Hull.	6	00
Bristol, Lanion, Foulness.	6	45
Milford, Bridgewater, North Coast.	7	30
Portland, Peterport, Hartflew.	8	15
Dover, Yarmouth, Harwich, Dublin.	10	30
Salice, Rie, Wicheley, Calnor.	11	15

The use of the Table.

ENter the Almanack with the day of the Month ; and in the fourth Collumn, you have the Moons coming to South ; then enter the Tide-Table, and find the name of your place, and see how many hours and minutes be anexed thereto in the Collumn marked with hour, min. which added to the hour and minute of the Moons coming to South, gives you the time of high-water, for the place required. And note, that if the sum exceed 12 hours ; you must deduct 12 hours, and the remainder is the time inquired for.

Example.

THE first of February, I find the Moon comes to South at 9 hours, 55 min. I look in the Tide-Table for *Bristol*, and on the right-hand I find 6 h. 45 m. which I add to the Moons coming to South, 9 h. 55 m. and they make 16 h. 40 m. but because they exceed 12 h. I deduct 12, and the remainder is 4 h. 40 m. the time of high water at *Bristol*, that morning, so of the rest.

To know the hour of the Night, by the southing of the Moon.

First find the southing of the Moon, as you were taught before ; then repair to a Sun-dial, and observe then, and m. the shadow of the stile wanteth, or is past the h. of 12 ; then to so many h. and m. as the shadow is past 12, add the southing of the Moon ; and to so many h. and m. as the shadow wants of 12, subtract the southing of the Moon ; and the remainder is the hour of the Night desired.

A Table shewing the time of the Suns rising, and setting, the length of the day, and night, with the break of day, and continuance of twy-light; for the Latitude of 52 degrees, and 40 minutes.

Mon.	Days	Break of day.		Suns rising.		Length of day.		Length of night.		☉ l. t. ting.		Tw. light.		Days	Mon.
		H.	M.	H.	M.	H.	M.	H.	M.	H.	M.	H.	M.		
March.	1	3	57	6	0	12	0	12	0	6	0	8	3	13	September.
	13	3	49	5	53	12	14	11	46	6	7	8	11	10	
	16	3	42	5	47	12	26	11	43	6	13	8	18	7	
	19	3	34	5	41	12	38	11	22	6	19	8	26	4	
	22	3	27	5	35	12	50	11	10	6	25	8	33	1	
	25	3	18	5	28	13	4	10	56	6	32	8	42	28	
	28	3	9	5	22	13	16	10	54	6	38	8	51	25	
	31	3	0	5	16	12	28	10	32	5	44	9	0	22	August.
April.	3	2	52	5	10	13	40	10	20	6	50	9	8	19	
	6	2	42	5	4	13	52	10	8	6	56	9	18	16	
	9	2	33	4	58	14	4	9	56	7	2	9	27	14	
	12	2	23	4	42	14	16	9	44	7	8	9	37	11	
	15	2	13	4	47	14	26	9	34	7	13	9	47	8	
	18	2	2	4	41	14	38	9	22	7	19	9	56	5	
	21	1	50	4	3	14	48	9	12	7	24	10	10	2	
May.	24	1	37	4	30	15	0	9	0	7	30	10	23	0	July.
	27	1	24	4	25	15	10	8	50	7	35	10	36	7	
	30	1	8	4	20	5	20	8	40	7	40	10	52	24	
	3	0	41	4	15	15	30	8	30	7	45	11	19	1	
	6	0	5	4	11	15	38	8	27	7	49	11	55	12	
	9			4	7	15	46	8	14	7	53			15	
	12			4	3	15	54	8	6	7	57			12	
June.	15			3	59	16	2	7	58	8	1			9	June.
	18			3	56	6	8	7	52	8	4			6	
	21			3	52	16	16	7	44	8	8			3	
	24			3	49	16	22	7	38	8	11			0	
	27			3	46	16	28	7	32	8	14			6	
	30			3	4	16	32	7	28	8	16			23	
	2			3	42	10	36	7	24	8	18			20	
June.	5			3	41	6	38	7	22	8	19			17	June.
	8			3	41	16	38	7	22	8	19			14	
	11			3	41	16	38	7	22	8	19			11	

A Table shewing the time of the Suns rising, and setting; length of the day, and night; with the break of day, and continuance of twy-light; for the Latitude of 52 degrees, and 40 minutes.

No. M.	Days	Break of day.		Suns rising.		Length of day.		Length of night.		Suns setting.		Twy-light e.		Days	Mon.
		H.	M.	H.	M.	H.	M.	H.	M.	H.	M.	H.	M.		
September.	13	3	57	6	0	12	0	12	0	6	0	8	3	10	March.
	16	4	5	6	6	11	48	12	12	5	54	7	55	7	
	19	4	12	6	13	11	34	12	26	5	47	7	48	4	
	22	4	18	6	19	11	22	12	38	5	41	7	42	1	
	25	4	25	6	25	11	10	12	50	5	35	7	35	26	
	28	4	31	6	31	10	58	13	2	5	29	7	29	23	
	1	4	38	6	38	10	44	13	16	5	22	7	22	20	
	4	4	44	6	44	10	32	13	28	5	16	7	16	17	
	7	4	50	6	50	10	20	13	40	5	10	7	10	14	
	10	4	56	6	56	10	8	13	52	5	4	7	4	11	
October.	13	5	1	7	2	9	56	14	4	4	58	6	59	8	February.
	16	5	7	7	8	9	44	14	16	4	52	6	53	5	
	19	5	12	7	14	9	32	14	28	4	46	6	48	2	
	22	5	18	7	20	9	20	14	40	4	40	6	42	30	
	25	5	22	7	25	8	10	14	50	4	35	6	38	27	
	28	5	27	7	31	8	58	15	2	4	29	6	33	24	
	31	5	31	7	36	8	48	15	12	4	24	6	29	21	
	3	5	35	7	41	8	38	15	22	4	19	6	25	18	
	6	5	39	7	46	8	28	15	32	4	14	6	21	15	
	9	5	43	7	51	8	18	15	42	4	9	6	17	12	
November.	12	5	46	7	55	8	10	15	50	4	5	6	14	9	January.
	15	5	50	8	0	8	0	16	0	4	0	6	10	6	
	18	5	53	8	4	7	52	16	8	3	56	6	7	3	
	21	5	56	8	8	7	44	16	16	3	52	6	4	1	
	24	5	58	8	11	7	38	16	22	3	49	6	2	29	
	27	5	52	8	13	7	34	16	26	3	47	6	1	26	
	30	6	0	8	15	7	30	16	30	3	45	6	0	23	
	3	6	1	8	17	7	26	16	34	3	43	5	59	20	December.
December.	6	6	2	8	18	7	24	16	36	3	42	5	58	17	
	9	6	2	8	19	7	21	16	38	3	41	5	58	14	
	12	6	2	8	19	7	22	16	38	3	41	5	58	11	

January hath xxxi. days.

New Moon the 5 day, at 5 in the morning.

First Quarter the 12 day, at 9 at night.

Full Moon the 20 day, at 7 at night.

Last Quarter the 27 day, at 6 at night.

	Festivals.	Days sou- thing.	Signs.	Aspects, and weather.
1	a New-years d.	8 13	Thighs	△ h 4 with the Scor-
2	h 5 30 8!	9 6	Thighs	□ h ♀ (pious heart.
3	4 5 48 w	10 5	Knees	△ h ♀ wind, with snow
4	8 0 18 w	11 0	Knees	♂ 4 ♀ or cold rain.
5	♀ 8 43 w	12 17	Knees	most of these days.
6	f Twelfth d.	1 A 4	Legs	♂ D ♀
7	♀ 10 6 w	1 48	Legs	so continuing as be-
8	8 0 52 w	2 44	Feet	fore.
9	1. p. Epiph.	3 26	Feet	* O D
10	l Sol in Aqu.	4 0	Head	
11	♂ 5 32 w	4 40	Head	△ h ♂ Remission of
12	4 7 49 w	5 41	Head	♂ D h cold about this
13	f Hillarius	6 21	Neck	D Appogæon (time.
14	D with 7 *	6 58	Neck	
15	D with Bulls-eye	7 48	Arms	□ O h ♂ 4 ♂
16	2. p. Epiph.	8 34	Arms	Cloudy weather about
17	h 5 52 8	9 27	Arms	D ♀ this time (perhaps
18	4 9 8 w	10 22	Breast	with snow) or storms
19	D in □ to h	11 9	Breast	of rain.
20	D with Cor. Ω	12 4	Heart	
21	g Agnes v. m.	0 m 40	Heart	
22	D in Δ to h	1 22	Bow-Is	Winds about this time,
23	Septuages.	2 6	Bow-Is	□ h ♀ with cold
24	l Term beg.	2 53	Reins	rain, or snow.
25	D Con. of St. Pm	3 39	Reins	D Cum spica Virginis
26	e Polycarp	4 29	Secrets	so continuing as be-
27	f Agnes secun.	5 16	Secrets	* h ♀ fore.
28	g Carol. mag.	6 12	Secrets	D Perigæon.
29	a Theodore	7 2	Thighs	Snow, or rain about
30	Sexages.	8 1	Thighs	this time.
31	l Cyriac.	9 0	Knees	* 4 ♀ Temperate.

The 13 day, at 4 in the morning,	$\left. \begin{array}{c} h \\ 4 \\ o \\ q \end{array} \right\}$	is with the Moon,
The 3 day, at 9 at night,		
The 3 day, at 10 in the morning,		
The 6 day, at 6 in the morning,		

1 Seven Stars set at 18 min. past 4 in the morning.

2 Seven Stars South at 5 min. past 8 at night.

3 Evening Star sets at 44 min. past 5 at night.

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5 *If in this Month the Wind abide long in the South, then it*
 6 *is like to be plenty of Grass, and Hay, whereby the Farmer*
 7 *may (if he be not idle) provide well for a hard Winter; it*
 8 *likewise signifies little drought in that Year.*

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10 *But if the wind abide long in the North, then we shall*
 11 *have store of Frost, but little Snow.*

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15 Seven Stars South at 22 min. past 7 at night.

16 Seven Stars set at 34 min. past 3 in the morning.

17 Evening Star sets at 55 minutes past 5 at night.

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20 *Some say, that if on the 12th. of January the Sun shine,*
 21 *it foreshews much wind. Others predict by St. Paul's day;*
 22 *saying, if the Sun shine, it betokens a good Year; if it rain,*
 23 *or snow, indifferent; if misty, it predicts great dearths; if it*
 24 *thunder, great winds, and death of People that Year.*

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27 Evening Star sets at 22 minutes past 6 at night.

28 Seven Stars set at 16 minutes past 2 in the morning.

29 Seven Stars South at 6 at night.

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31 King Charls the 1. Martyrdom.

February hath xxix. days.

New Moon the 3 day, at 7 at night.

First Quarter the 11 day, at 6 at night.

Fall Moon the 19 day, at 8 in the morning.

Last Quarter the 25 day, at 2 in the morning.

	Festivals.	Ds. Lou- thing.	Signs.	Aspects, and weather.
1	h 6 ☿	9 m 55	Knees	Temperate weather be- gins the month.
2	e Candlemas d.	10 37	Legs	
3	f 4 12 ♀	11 23	Legs	
4	b 8 23 ♀	12 19	Feet	♂ ☉ ♀ Winds, bring-
5	a 17 ✕	0 A 41	Feet	♂ ☽ ♀ ing Snow, or
6	Shrove-Sund.	1 2	Feet	Rain, or sleet, a-
7	Shrove-Mund.	2 40	Head	☐ ☽ about these days.
8	Shrove-Tuesd.	3 26	Head	
9	e Ashwednesday	4 11	Neck	☽ Apogæon
10	f ☽ with 7 stars	4 54	Neck	* h ♀ Winds, cau-
11	b ☽ with Bulls-eye	5 45	Arms	sing some Snow,
12	a Term ends	6 28	Arms	Rain, or sleet about
13	Quadrages.	7 23	Arms	☽ ☽ this time.
14	c Valentine	8 41	Breast	* 4 ♀ Winds (perhaps
15	d ♀ 16 ✕	9 0	Breast	with Rain) and
16	e Ember-week	9 46	Heart.	* ☉ h Frost intermixt.
17	f ☉ 28 45 ♀	10 48	Heart	Cloudy weather, with
18	b h 7 56 ♂	11 34	Heart	Frost about this
19	a 4 15 ♀	12 31	Belly	time.
20	2. S. Lent	0 m 55	Belly	* ☽ ♀ Snow, or Rain,
21	c ☽ with spica ♀	1 45	Reins	about this time,
22	d ♂ 7 26 ☿	2 31	Reins	(perhaps) with Frost.
23	e ♀ 9 46 ♀	3 27	Secrets	☐ h ♂ Some storms
24	f Δ ☽ ♀	4 14	Secrets	about this time
25	St. Matthias	5 7	Thighs	
26	b ☐ ☽ ♀	5 57	Thighs	So continuing still.
27	3. S. Lent	6 56	Knees	☽ ☽
28	h ♂ ☽ 4	7 55	Knees	☐ 4 ♀ Intemperate
29	c ☽ & h in ☐	8 42	Legs	weather.

The 9 day, at 2 at night,
 The 28 day, at 8 in the morning,
 The 29 day, at 23 m. afternoon,
 The 5 day, at noon,

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is with the Moon.

- 1 Evening star sets at 38 minutes past 6 afternoon.
- 2 Seven stars south at 50 minutes past 5 at night.
- 3 Seven stars set at 54 minutes past 1 in the morning.

4 *This Month is my Rule for the Spring and Summer, the*
 5 *knowledge of which, brings profit to the Husband-man.*
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 9 *If we have Floods in this Month, we shall have store*
 10 *of Hay and Grass, the ensuing Year.*

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 12 *But if this Month be dry and frosty, is usually pro-*
 13 *duceth scarcity of Hay and Grass.*
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- 16 Seven stars south at 21 minutes past 5 at night.
- 17 Evening star sets at 34 minutes past 7 afternoon.
- 18 Seven stars set 29 minutes past 1 in the morning.

19 *If thou dost love thy Sheep (I say)*
 20 *Be sure to give them store of Hay;*
 21 *For if thy Hay thou think to spare;*
 22 *Thy Sheep that Year will be but bare.*

23 *Some say, Thunder upon Shrove-Tuesday foretelleth*
 24 *Wind, Store of Fruit, and plenty. Others affirm, that so*
 25 *much as the Sun shineth that day, the like he will shine every*
 26 *day in Lent.*

- 27 Evening star sets at 3 minutes past 8 at night.
- 28 Seven stars south at 3 minutes past 4 at night.
- 29 Seven stars set 12 minutes after mid-night.

March hath xxxi. days.

New Moon the 4 day, at 10 in the morning.
 First Quarter the 12 day, at 2 afternoon.
 Full Moon the 19 day, at 7 at night.
 Last Quarter the 26 day, at 10 in the morning.

	Festivals.	Ds. fou- thing.	Signs.	Aspects, and weather.
1	D David	9 19	Legs	♀ max. dist. a ☉
2	e Chad	10 m 17	Feet	Indifferent good wea- ther, the season considered.
3	f Martin	11 18	Feet	
4	h 9 23 ♂	11 40	Feet	
5	A Mid. S. Lent.	12 A 44	Head	Mercury may be seen after the Sun is set
6	b 4 18 ♀	1 34	Head	☿ Apogæon ☿ D h
7	c 18 12 ☿	2 18	Neck	♀ liat. ad Retrog.
8	D 26 56 ♀	2 48	Neck	Good spring weather about this time.
9	e D with 7 Stars	3 40	Neck	
10	f ♀ 13 35 ♀	4 19	Arms	D ☿
11	g ☿ 27 32 ♀	5 19	Arms	Still continuing as before.
12	A 5 Sund. in Lent	6 18	Breast	
13	b h 10 22 ♂	6 58	Breast	
14	c 4 19 12 ♀	7 52	Breast	Mercury Retrograde to the Months end.
15	D ☐ D h	8 44	Heart	
16	e D with Lions h.	9 33	Heart	
17	f ♂ 25 55 ☿	10 34	Bowels	☉ ☿ Winds about this time,
18	g Δ D 4	11 24	Bowels	causing snow, or rain.
19	A Palm Sunday	12 17	Reins	D Perigæon. Still continuing, as be- fore.
20	b D with spica m	0 m 39	Reins	
21	c ♀ 12 44 ♂	1 31	Secrets	
22	D ☐ D ♂	2 28	Secrets	
23	e D with Cor. m	3 13	Thighs	
24	f Good-Friday	4 11	Thighs	
25	g Lady-day	5 28	Knees	
26	A Easter-day	6 4	Knees	Δ 4 ♀ spring wea- ther, lasting for a season.
27	b Easter mund.	6 58	Legs	
28	c Easter Tuefd.	7 46	Legs	
29	D Easter Wed.	8 31	Legs	☐ ☉ 4 Winds about this time, perhaps with Thunder.
30	e ☉ D ♂	9 14	Feet	
31	f * D 4	10 3	Feet	

The 7 day, at midnight,
 The 16 day, at 6 at night,
 The 30 day, at 4 in the morning,
 The 6 day, at 7 at night.

} $\begin{matrix} h \\ 4 \\ \delta \\ \phi \end{matrix}$ } is with the Moon.

1
 2 Seven Stars South at 4 in the afternoon.

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 5 If this Month be warm and dry, it is a sign of a plentiful Year; but if in this Month there be Floods, Frost, or
 6
 7 Snow; or if it be colder than ordinary, it betokeneth scarcity
 8 of Corn, especially of Rye and Wheat.

9
 10 Seven Stars set 40 min. past 11 at night.

11 Evening Star sets 43 min. past 8 at night.

12 Some say, there will be so many Hoar-frosts after Easter,
 13 as there are Mists in March.

14
 15
 16 Seven Stars South at 24 minutes past 3 afternoon.

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 19 If that the ground now flooded be,
 20 Thou mayst (I think) a Rot fore-see;

21 If for the Field thou dost not care,

22 Besure thy Sheep but ill will fare;

23 For to prevent (is one good way)

24 Give now and then a little Hay;

25 If any thing will do them good,

26 I think that Hay is wholesome food;

27 Then with the Proverb do not mar

28 A Lamb, to save a little Tar.

29 Seven Stars South at 16 min. past 2 afternoon.

30 Seven Stars set 16 min. past 10 afternoon.

31 Evening Star sets with the seven Stars.

April hath xxx. days.

New Moon the 3 day, at 2 in the morning.
 First Quarter the 11 day, at 6 in the morning.
 Full Moon the 18 day, at 3 in the morning.
 Last Quarter the 24 day, at 8 at night.

	Festivals.	☾. fou- ching	Signs.	Aspects, and weather.
1	h 12 37 ♂	10 13 40	Head	♀ Stat. ad direct.
2	Low- Sunday	11 17	Head	Gentle Winds about
3	h 4 21 18 ♀	12 37	Head	this time (perhaps
4	c ♂ 9 48 ✕	1 A 6	Neck	with Thunder.)
5	d with 7 stars	1 46	Neck	☾ Apogæon
6	e with Bulls-eye	2 36	Arms	Good weather, the
7	f ♀ 3 6 II	3 27	Arms	season considered.
8	h ♀ 4 0 V	4 13	Arms	☾ ☽
9	Miser. dom.	5 2	Breast	* h ♂ Thunder, with
10	h ♂ 25 57 ♀	5 54	Breast	some Rain, about
11	c h 13 53 ♂	7 6	Heart	these days.
12	d with Lyons h.	7 44	Heart	
13	e 4 21 56 ♀	8 21	Belly	Good spring weather.
14	f Valerian	9 2	Belly	♀ Elong max. a O
15	h Olimpia	9 59	Belly	Inclining to showers
16	a Jubilate	10 43	Reins	of Rain, about
17	b Anicetus	11 47	Reins	these days.
18	c Oswin Monk	12 44	Secrets	☾ Perigæon (fore.
19	d Timotheus	1 m 15	Secrets	So continuing as be-
20	e with Scorp. h.	2 17	Thighs	* 4 ♂ Good weather,
21	f ♂ 22 51 ✕	3 6	Thighs	☾ but inclining to
22	h ♀ 20 45 II	4 12	Knees	Thunder, and show-
23	a Cantate	5 0	Knees	ers of Rain.
24	b ♀ 19 37 V	5 52	Legs	
25	c St. Mark Evan.	6 45	Legs	♂ ♂ Cloudy weather,
26	d ♂ 25 6 ♀	7 27	Feet	☐ 4 ♀ perhaps, with
27	e ☾ in ♂ to ♂	8 2	Feet	Wind, some Thunder,
28	f Viralis m.	8 49	Head	and storms of Rain.
29	h ☾ n ☐ with 4	9 29	Head	☐ ♀ Winds, with Rain
30	a Rogat. Sund.	10 16	Head	4 Stat. ad Retrog. ends the Month.

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The 4 day at 4 Afternoon Saturn

The 23 day at 1 in the morning Jupiter

The 28 day at 4 in the morning Mars

The 6 day at 6 in the morning Venus

} Is with the Moon.

Aprils Observations.

1st. day 7 Stars under the Sun Beams.

2^d. day Evening Star sets 6 m. past 10 night.

If in this Month there be much Rain, it fore-
shows plenty of Corn; for which cause the Far-
mer may (if he be not covetous) use Deeds of
Hospitality, feed the Hungry, cloath the Naked,
be good to the Widow and Fatherless, &c.

But if this Month of April be for the most
part Droughty, it usually produceth scarcity of
Corn and Grass.

The 12th. day Term begins

Hast thou 2 Loafs, 2 Coats, give one of each
To him that pines and starves (I the beseech)
Alas! (Rich man) thou know'st not what thine
May come unto, when thou art dead & gon. (own
Farmers! give th' poor some Corn. Sheph. give
Some cloath the back, some fill the Belly (wool,
Doctors, give Physick for meer Charity: (full:
Millers, be sure ye grind their Corn Toll-free.

21st. day 7 Stars set 4 m. past 8 at night.

26th. day Evening Star sets 43 past 10 night.

May hath xxxi. days.

New moon the 2 day at 6 at night.
 First quarter the 10 day at 6 at night.
 Full moon the 17 day at 10 in the morning,
 Last quarter the 24 day at 8 in the morning.

Festivals. | South. | Signs | Mut. Asp. & Weat.

1	b	May day.	10	49	neck	Δ ♀ The month
2	c	h 16 36 ♂	11 m.	32	neck	☾ Apog. begins
3	d	Inv St. Cru	12	14	arms	with good weather,
4	e	Ascen. day	1 A.	27	arms	fitting the season.
5	f	Gothardus	2	2	arms	☾ ☿. some show-
6	g	Joh p Lat.	3	0	breast	ers of rain about
7	h	Exaudi.	4	3	breast	this time.
8	b	Term ends	4	38	heart	Good weather the
9	c	♀ 22 ♀	5	29	heart	season considered.
10	d	♂ 7 ♀	6	14	heart	
11	e	♀ 12 ☿	7	3	belly	♂ ♄ winds with
12	f	♀ 20, ♀	7	49	belly	some showers of
13	g	♂ 24 ♀	8	41	reins	Δ ♀ rain
14	h	Whit-sund	9	30	reins	Good weather a-
15	b	☿ 24 ♀	10	32	secrets	bout this time.
16	c	h 18 ♂	11	41	secrets	* ♄ ♀ gentle show-
17	d	Emb. week	12	28	thighs	☾ Perig. ers of
18	e	♀ 21 45 ♀	1 A.	3	thighs	☾ ♄ rain about
19	f	♂ 14 ♀	2	4	knees	♂ ♀ this time.
20	g	♀ 22 34 ☿	2	56	knees	
21	h	Trin. fund.	3	55	legs	
22	b	♀ 10 54 ♀	4	48	legs	♂ ☿ winds about
23	c	♂ 23 40 ♀	5	22	feet	this time.
24	d	♂ 33 37 ♀	6	5	feet	so continuing as
25	e	Corp. Chr.	6	48	feet	* ♄ ♀ before.
26	f	Term beg	7	31	head	winds about this
27	g	☾ ♀	8	10	head	time, with showers
28	h	1 past Tr.	8	52	neck	☐ ♀ of rain.
29	b	♄ Ch. 2. N.	9	33	neck	Thunder about this
30	c	* ♄	10	15	neck	☾ Apog. time with
31	d	☾ w. occ. ♂	11	2	arms	winds and rain.

- 1 The 2 day at 5 in the morning Saturn
 2 The 20 day at 10 in the morning Jupiter (Is nich the
 3 The 27 day at 5 in the morning Mars (moon.
 4 The 6 day at 11 before noon Venus

Mays Observations.

- 6 1st. day 7 stars set 30 m. past 8 at night.
 7 2d. day Evening star sets 55 m. past 10 night.
 8 If in the merry Month of May the Weather be
 9 dry, and the Air of a Gray Colour also; if there
 10 be a gentle North Wind, it promisetb good to the
 11 Husband man, he will have plenty of Co: n & Hay.
 12 But if there be a Flood in May, Sheep wil
 13 be in danger of Rotting.
 14 When shepherds should lye down and sleep,
 15 'Tis best for them to keep their sheep;
 16 And if that my advice may now be born, (corn.
 17 'Tis that they may preserve the poor Mans
 18 17th. day 7 stars set 23 m. past 7 at night.
 19 18th. day Evening star sets 54 m. p. 10 night
 20 Some say, that if upon Ascention day it
 21 happen to rain, it signifies scarcity of all kind of
 22 food for Cattle, but if fair, it betokeneth plenty.
 23
 24
 25
 26
 27 7 stars set 45 m. past 6 at night.
 28 Evening star sets 56 m. past 10 at night.
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June hath xxx days.

New Moon the 1 day at 10 in the morning,
 First Quarter the 9 day at 3 in the morning,
 Full Moon the 15 day at 6 at night,
 Last Quarter the 22 day at 8 at night,
 New Moon the 30 day at midnight,

| | Festivals. | ☽ South. | Signs. | Mut. Asp. & Wea.

1	e	♂ r, 10:1 n	11	40	Arms	☉ Eclipsed visible
2	t	h 20 28 ♂	12	m. 53	Breast	to us 9 h, 20 m,
3	n	♂ 20 28 ♀	1	A. 43	Breast	♂ h ♀
4	a	♂ past Tr,	2	35	Breast	Those Shepherds that
5	b	♂ 25 49 ♀	3	18	Heart	are diligent in ob-
6	r	♂ w, St He,	4	8	Heart	servation of the St,
7	d	♂ 10.7 5 m.	4	58	Belly,	may this M, (in clear
8	e	♀ 12 51 ♀	5	52	Belly,	days) behold ♀ in
9	f	♂ 10, 14 p. 1	6	21	Reins	the day time,
10	n	♂ w. v. sp. m	7	16	Reins	♂ ♀ great winds
11	a	♂ 3 p. Tr. or	8	9	secrets	* h ♀ about this
12	b	St. Barnab.	9	0	secrets	* ♂ time perhaps
13	c	♂ w. M. He.	10	0	Thighs	☽ Perig,
14	d	Term ends	12	0	Thighs	☽ A with Thunder
15	e	♂ r, 12 45 af	12	9	Knees	about these days,
16	f	♀ 28 53 ♂	1	m. 11	Knees	Hasty Showers of
17	a	♂ 22 21 ♀	1	50	Legs	☽ h ♀ Rain about
18	b	♂ 4 past Tr,	2	39	Legs	these these days,
19	c	h 22 20 ♂	3	24	Legs	
20	d	Edw, K, M.	4	8	Feet	Good weather, the
21	e	h r. 11 56 af	4	50	Feet	♀ Elong, m. a. ☉
22	f	☐ ♀	5	28	Head	season considered,
23	a	♂ ♀	6	16	Head	so continuing as be-
24	b	St. Joh, Bap.	6	50	Neck	fore,
25	c	♂ past Tr.	7	27	Neck	☽ Apog.
26	d	♂ w, 7 St,	8	9	Neck	☐ ♂ storms
27	e	♂ with ♂	8	54	Arms	☽ of Rain with
28	f		9	50	Arms	♂ ♀ winds and
29	a	St. P. & Paul	10	6	Breast	♀ Elong, a. ☉ Thun-
30	b	♂ ♀	11	12	Breast	der ends the month

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| 1 | The 26 day at 8 in the morning Saturn | } Is with the moon, |
| 2 | The 16 day at 6 at night, Jupiter | |
| 3 | The 25 day at 7 in the morning Mars | |
| 3 | The 5 day at 8 in the morning Venus | |

Junes Observations.

6 If this month be inclined to moderate rain,
 7 it foreshews plenty of Hay, Corn, and Grass, the
 8 good wife will have store of Butter, Cheese, and
 9 Milk, (if she have many Cows) whereby she
 10 may (if she be not idle) provide well for her
 11 Family.

12 But if there be no rain in this month, she
 13 will have but a little Dairy.

14 The Shepherd that a drunken wife doth chuse,
 15 Though he have Gold in Bags;
 16 If she do but the Ale-house use,
 17 She'll make him go in Rags.

18 Evening Star sets 13 min. past 10 at night.
 19 If in this M. your sheep you don't well keep,
 20 Next Winter you may sit you down and weep;
 21 When Shepherds they do sport and play,
 22 The sheep they then do go astray:
 23 Therefore (say I) sleep not upon the ground,
 24 For fear your sheep be driven to the Pound:
 25 And then the Pounder he must have his Fee,
 26 So makes th' poor Shepherd poorer still to be.

27 (hence,
 28 Now th' Farmers toyl comes in, we judg from
 29 Th' good Wife may chance'r want due Be-
 30 (nevolence.

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July hath xxxi. days.

First quarter the 8 day at 9 in the morning,
Full moon the 15 day at 2 in the morning,
Last quarter the 22 day at noon,
New moon the 30 day at 1 in the afternoon.

| Festivals, | ☾ South. | Signs. | Mut. Asp. & Wea

1	a	h 13 29 ☾	12	22	breast	
2	A	5 past Tr.	1	A. 14	heart	☐ ☾ ♂
3	b	☾ w. cor. ☾	2	34	heart	Δ 4 ♂ Thunder
4	c	☾ 16 14 ☾	2	58	belly	with some storms
5	d	Anselmus	3	30	belly	* ☉ ☾ of rain in
6	e	☾ 18 30 ☾	4	28	reins	this week with
7	f	☾ w. spi. ☾	5	14	reins	☐ ☉ ☿ winds inter-
8	g	☿ 10 30 ☾	6	1	reins	mixed
9	A	7 past Tr.	6	54	secrets	☾ Perig.
10	b	☿ 20 17 ☾	7	49	secrets	Good Harvest wea
11	c	☾ 21 7	8	49	thighs	☾ Gather about this
12	d	☿ 21 II	9	43	thighs	☿ St ad Ret. time.
13	e	h 24 29 ☾	10	51	knees	
14	f	☾ 15 23 ☾	11	49	knees	
15	g	Swith. B. M.	12	25	legs	Δ 4 ☿ ☉ ☿ thun-
16	A	8 past Tr.	1	m. 14	legs	der about this
17	b	♂ 25 56 ☾	1	2	feet	time. with showers
18	c	☿ 17 30 ☾	2	45	feet	of rain.
19	d	☿ 18 2 ☾	3	27	head	Good Harvest wea-
20	e	h 25 ☾	4	9	head	ther about these
21	f	14 44 ☾	4	46	head	days.
22	g	Δ 4	5	30	neck	still continuing as
23	A	9 past Tr.	6	18	neck	before.
24	b	with ☾	6	51	arms	☾ Apog.
25	c	St. James.	7	43	arms	☾ ☿
26	d		8	25	arms	☉ ☿ dry winds
27	e	Jos of Ar.	9	7	breast	and good weather
28	f	* ☾	10	15	breast	ends the month.
29	g	* ☾	10	53	heart	
30	A	10 past Tr.	11	38	heart	☾ with Lions heart
31	b	☐ ☿	12	28	belly	☐ ☾

- 1 The 23 day at 7 at night Saturn
 2 The 13 day at mid-night Jupiter
 3 The 24 day at 8 in the morning, Mars
 4 The 4 day at 6 at night Venus

} Is with the
Moon.

July's Observations.

- 5
 6 1st. day Sun rise; 3 h. 51 m. sets at 8 h. 8 m.
 7 2d. day, Days-16 h. 12 m. long.
 8 If th' winds blow North, or East, the time it fit,
 9 To cut down Grass, that you good Hay may get;
 10 But if to th' West or South it chance to wheel,
 11 And th' Air wax hot, a Thunder-storm you'l feel.
 12 Therefore say I, if you expect good Hay,
 13 Cast, shake, cock, rake, when 'tis a Sun-shine day:
 14 And when 'tis made, then do not mind your play
 15 At Pipes, and Wakes, but fetch the Hay away:
 16 Though Fiddlers cry, (Sir) will you hear a Lesson!
 17 Remember what Advice ye have from Weston.
 18 15th. day Saturn rises 34 m. past 11 at night.
 19 16th. 7 stars and Mars rise at the same time.
 20 18th. day Evening star sets at 9 at night.
 21 19th. day Dog Days begin.

- 22 The 15 day of this month, about one a Clock in
 23 the morning (if the Air be clear) Saturn, Mars,
 24 and the 7 Stars, may be seen together in the East.
 25 If wanton Girlss, on th' Hay-cocks they be
 26 spide.
 27 And yong men chance t' pass by the Hay-cock
 28 'Tis ten to one, that if th' men merry be, (fide;
 29 And ye be nigh, you may some pastime see.
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August hath xxxi. days

First Quarter the 6 day at 3 in the Afternoon.

Full Moon the 13 day at noon.

Last Quarter the 21 day at 6 in the morning:

New Moon the 28 day at midnight.

| Festivals, | ☾ South. | Signs. | Mut. Asp. & Wea.

1	Lammas d	1	A	4	Belly,	Good Harvest wea-
2	Stephen	1	46	Belly,	ther begins the M.	
3	h 25 45 ☾	3	6	Reins		
4	☾ wit. V. sp.	4	2	Reins	♀ Stat. ad Direct,	
5	h 13 21 ♀	4	53	Secrets		
6	11 past T.	5	51	Secrets	☾ Perig,	
7	☾ wi. M. H.	6	44	Thighs	♀ Stat. ad Retrog,	
8	♂ 10 II	7	42	Thighs	☐ ☐ h Some Thun-	
9	♀ 24 III	8	41	Knees	der about this time,	
10	♀ 10 9 ♀	9	39	Knees	with Hail-storms.	
11	♂ 19 26 ♀	10	36	Legs		
12	☐ ☾ h	11	32	Legs	♀ Elongat. a. ☉	
13	11 past Tr.	12	00	Feet		
14	Euseb. Co,	0 m.	47	Feet	* ♂ ♀ Winds a-	
15	Assum, M,	1	33	Feet	bout this time,	
16	Rochus,	2	22	Head	with some showers	
17	h 26 11 ☾	3	18	Head	of Rain,	
18	h 12 40 ♀	3	45	Neck		
19	☾ wi, 7 St,	4	20	Neck		
20	13 past Tr.	5	7	Neck	☾ Apog,	
21	☐ ☾ ♀	5	51	Arms	☾ ☐ ☐ Winds &	
22	* ☾ ♀	6	37	Arms	☐ ☐ ☐ Rain,	
23	♂ 5 IV	7	11	Breast,		
24	St. Barthol	8	14	Breast	☐ ☐ ☐ misty	
25	h 12 31 ♀	8	54	Breast	Δ ☐ ☐ mornings	
26	♂ 20 37 II	9	49	Heart	Some Thunder a-	
27	14 past Tr.	10	36	Heart	bout this time,	
28	Austin B, D	11	15	Belly	♀ Stat. ad Direct-	
29	☐ ☐ ♂	12	21	Belly	♂ ☐ ☐ Thunder,	
30	Felix,	1	A. 12	Reins	h Retrograde,	
31	Adrian B, C	2	4	Reins	Δ ☐ ☐ with winds.	

1 The 10 day at 5 in the morning Saturn
 2 The 10 day at 4 in the morning Jupiter
 3 The 22 day at 2 in the morning Mars
 4 The 29 day at 3 in the morning Venus

} Is with the
 moon.

Augusts Observations.

7 The 2d day 7 Stars rise 39 m. past 9 night.

9 In this Month Reap your Wheat and Rie, (if
 10 it be ripe) sow your Winter Herbs in the new
 11 Moon; Stir your Land for Wheat and Rie; and
 12 in the latter end of the month cut down your
 13 Oats, (if they be ripe) which every Ingenious
 14 Farmer may find out by his Eyes; (if he be not
 15 blind) and avoid error.

16 Seven Stars South at 3 min. past 5 morning.
 17 Seven Stars rise 50 m. past 8 at night.

19 This Month be sure that thou industrious be,
 20 Or else thy Corn within the Field may stay;
 21 If in the Ale-house thou do drink till night,
 22 (If't rain) thy Corn will be but in ill plight:
 23 There remember when 'tis a fair day,
 24 That in the Ale-house long thou dost not stay.

27 Dog dapes end.

29 Evening Star sets with the Sun.

September hath xxx. days

First quarter the 4 day at 9 at night.

Full moon the 11 day at midnight.

Last quarter the 20 day at one in the morning.

New moon the 17 day at 11 before non.

Festivals, ☾ South. Signs, Mut. Asp. & Wea.

1	a	4r. 3 52 af	2	A. 55	secrets	Dry winds begin
2	b	h 26 16 8	3	49	secrets	the month.
3	c	15 past Tr.	4	45	thighs	☾ Perig,
4	d	4 12 35 8	5	47	thighs	△ 4 ♀ Temperate
5	e	h r. w. 7. ft	6	47	knees	weather.
6	f	8 26 31 II	7	41	knees	♂ ☉ ♀ Blustering
7	g	y 11 12 III	8	39	knees	△ h ♀ winds cau-
8	a	8 r. 9 49 af	9	34	legs	sing storms of
9	b	9 29 24 III	10	28	legs	hail or rain, with
10	c	16 past Tr.	11	13	feet	☐ ☉ ♂ some thun-
11	d	8 17 47 7	11	98	feet	der intermixed a-
12	e	8 10. 6 34 m	12	18	head	bout these days.
13	f	8 0 3 8	1	m. 4	head	
14	g	Exalt. Cru.	1	46	neck	
15	a	h 16 0 8	2	31	neck	
16	b	☾ w. 7 stars	3	13	neck	
17	c	17 past Tr.	3	55	arms	☾ 4 ♀ The wea-
18	d	4 13 11 7	4	42	arms	ther windy a-
19	e	9 8 6 III	5	28	breast	bout this time.
20	f	Emb. week.	6	15	breast	♀ stat. ad direct.
21	g	St. Mathew.	7	1	breast	
22	a	9 21 26 II	7	45	heart	The weather indif-
23	b	☐ 5 h	8	30	heart	ferent good the
24	c	18 past Tr.	9	14	belly	season considered.
25	d	△ 5 h	10	4	belly	
26	e	h 25 32 8	11	30	reins	△ ☉ 4
27	f	☾ w. V. sp.	12	0	reins	Dry winds about
28	g	4 13 59 7	0	55	reins	this time.
29	a	St. Mich.	1	49	secrets	
30	b	☐ ☾ ♀	2	45	secrets	

- 1 The 16 day at 1 in the afternoon Saturn
 2 The 6 day at 6 in the morning Jupiter
 3 The 19 day at 4 in the evening Mars
 4 The 25 day at 11 at night Venus

} Is with the
 } moon,

Septembers Observations.

- 5
 6 2d. day 7 Stars rise 50 m. past 7 at night.
 7 2d. day 7 Stars south at 3 m. past 4 morning.
 8 Gather the Fruits of your Trees after the full
 9 Moon, and (if possible) when the weather is
 10 dry: Converting them for use; As Crabs to make
 11 Verjuice. &c. And take this for a general Rule,
 12 that the dryer time you gather them in, the bet-
 13 ter they will keep. And about the middle of
 14 the Month Sow Wheat and Rie in strong Land:
 15 Sow Winter-Parsnips, and Carrets: Get Hives
 16 of Bees.
 17 14th. day 7 star. south at 24 m. past 3 morn.
 18 15th. day 7 stars rise at 7 at night.
 19 Some say, that so many Floods will happen
 20 in Winter, as the Moon is days old on Michael-
 21 mas day.
 22
 23
 24
 25
 26 7 stars south at 8 m. past 3 morning.
 27 7 stars rise at 6 h. 40 m. afternoon.
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October hath xxxi.

First Quarter the 4 day at 4 in the morning,
 Full Moon the 11 day at 3 in the Afternoon,
 Last Quarter the 19 day at 8 at night,
 New Moon the 26 day at 9 at night,

| Festivals, | ☾ South. | Signs. | Mut. Asp. & Wea.

1	A	19 past Tr,	3	A. 46	Thighs	☾ ☽
2	B	h 25 13 ☽	4	45	Thighs	☾ Perig. winds a-
3	C	u 14 29 ♀	5	44	Knees	☾ ☽ bout this
4	D	♂ 8 56 ☽	6	43	Knees	time with gentle
5	E	♀ 14 33 ♀	7	36	Legs	showers of Rain, or
6	F	♀ 12 36 ♀	8	28	Legs	Hail-storms.
7	G	* ☽ *	9	20	Feet	* ☽ winds about
8	A	20 past Tr,	10	5	Feet	this time, with
9	B	☽ ☽	10	47	Head	some showers.
10	C	☽ ☽	11	38	Head	☽ ☽ Temperate
11	D	☽ ☽	12	22	Head	weather about
12	E	☽ ☽	0 m.	34	Neck	these days.
13	F	☽ w, 7 Stars	1	22	Neck	
14	G	☽ with ☽	2	5	Arms	☽ ☽ winds about
15	A	21 past Tr,	2	52	Arms	☽ this time cau-
16	B	☽ ☽	3	37	Arms	sing Snow or cold
17	C	☽ ☽	4	20	Breast	Rain.
18	D	S, Luke Ev.	5	10	Breast	
19	E	☽ ☽	5	50	Heart	Some snow or rain
20	F	☽ ☽	6	39	Heart	☽ ☽ about this
21	G	☽ 15 40 ♀	7	21	Heart	time.
22	A	12 past Tr,	8	14	Bowels	☽ Elong, max, a, ☽
23	B	Term beg	8	52	Bowels	Indifferent good
24	C	♀ 5 11 ♀	9	37	Reins	weather, the season
25	D	Chrispin,	10	24	Reins	considered.
26	E	♀ 27 47 ♀	11	15	Secrets	Dry winds, and se-
27	F		12	32	Secrets	☽ ☽ rene weather
28	G	S, Sim. & Ju	1 A.	32	Thighs	☽ ☽ ends the
29	A	23 past Tr,	2	35	Thighs	☽ Perig, month.
30	B	♀ 1 26 ♀	3	39	Knees	* ☽
31	C	♀ 10 9 ♀	4	43	Knees	

The 13 day at 6 at night Saturn

The 3 day at 4 at night Jupiter

The 17 day at 8 at night Mars

The 23 day at noon Venus

Is with the
moon

Octobers Observations.

1st. day Seven Stars rise 4 m. past 6 at night.

2d. day 7 Stars South at 16 m. past 2 morn.

3d. day Morning Star riseth 6 m. past 3 mor.

Sow Wheat and Rie the sooner the better for

fear of Rain: And in the increase of the Moon

remove and set young Trees, as the Pear, the

Apple, the Plum, and Bay-tree, (with this

proviso) that the Wind be not in the East, or

North, for those Winds are usually cold and

Nipping, and therefore hurtful to young Trees:

and after the full Moon (provided the weather

be fair) gather your Fruits.

9th. day Saturn with the 7 Stars.

16th. day 7 Stars South at 24 m. past 1 morn.

17th. 7 Stars rise 10 m. past 5 at night.

Shepherds say, That if Leaves now hang

upon Trees, it betokeneth a cold Winter, or ma-

ny Caterpillars.

If with a Scold thou troubled be,

I'll teach thee one good remedy:

'Tis a Receipt that's good and strong!

With a sharp knife cut out her Tongue.

Probatum est,

26th. day 7 Stars South at 14 m. past 1 morn.

27th. day 7 Stars rise 50 m. past 4 at night.

November hath xxx. days.

First quarter the 2 day at 1 in the afternoon.

Full moon the 10 day at 9 in the morning.

Last quarter the 18 at 1 in the afternoon.

New moon the 25 day at 8 in the morning.

| Festivals, | ☾ South, Signs, Mut, Asp, & Wea.

1	D	All-Saints	5	A. 14	legs	
2	d	All-Souls	6	28	legs	
3	E	h 22 31 ☿	7	20	feet	☿ Stat. ad Ret.
4	B	4 19 9 ♄	8	4	feet	♄ h ☉ Cloudy wea-
5	a	Powd. Pl.	8	40	feet	ther, with snow,
6	b	♂ 15 22 ♃	9	32	head	Cold rain, or frost
7	c	♀ 9 11 ♃	9	56	head	about these days.
8	D	♀ 8 2 ♄	10	45	neck	
9	e	♄ w. 7 St.	11	34	neck	
10	f	☾ with ☿	12	8	arms	☿ Elong. max. a ☉
11	g	Martin.	0	m, 47	arms	☾ Apog.
12	a	23 past Tr.	1	27	arms	☿ ☉ gentle winds
13	b	☐ 1 ♀	2	11	breast	☐ ☿ and remissi-
14	c	♄ 24	4	11	breast	on of Cold about
15	d	Δ ☉	3	55	breast	these days.
16	e	☐ ☿	4	39	heart	
17	f	♄ w. Ω H.	5	19	heart	Δ h ♄ about these
18	g	* ☿	6	02	belly	days.
19	a	26 past Tr.	6	43	belly	☐ ♄ ☿
20	b	☐ ☿	7	30	reins	
21	c	♄ w. V. spi.	8	14	reins	
22	D	☾ in Δ to ☿	9	3	secrets	☿ Stat. ad direct.
23	e	Clement,	9	54	secrets	
24	f	♄ w. cor m	10	47	thighs	☾ Perig.
25	g	☾ in * to ♀	12	13	thighs	☉ Eclipsed.
26	a	27 past Tr.	1	A. 16	knees	The weather in-
27	b	☾ in ♄ w. ♄	2	6	knees	different good to
28	c	Term end	3	20	legs	the months end.
29	D	☾ in ☐ to h	4	14	legs	
30	e	S. Andrew.	5	4	legs	

- 1 The 9 day at 8 at night, Saturn
 2 The 27 day at midnight Jupiter
 3 The 14 day at 6 in the morning Mars
 4 The 22 day at 2 in the morning Venus

Is with
the moon,

Novembers Observations:

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 6 1st. day 7 stars set 34 m. past 8 morning.
 7 2d. day 7 stars south 16 m. past midnight.
 8 3d. day Morning star rises 4 m. past 3 morn.
 9 If November prove rainy, misty, and warm, it
 10 is a signe the Winter will prove Snowy, Frosty
 11 and Cold: But if November prove Snowy,
 12 Frosty, and Cold, it is a sign the Winter will
 13 prove rainy, misty and warm.
 14 11th. day Jupiter south at 3 h. 36 m. aftern.
 15 12th. day Jupiter sets at 7 h. 25 m. aftern.
 16 14th. day 7 stars set 34 m. past 7 in the mor.
 17 15th. day 7 stars south 22 m. past 11 at night
 18 16th. day Morning star ris. 22 m. past 3 mor.
 19
 20 Mars south at 32 m. past 2 morning.
 21 Mars riseth 55 m. past 5 afternoon,
 22
 23
 24
 25 7 stars set 24 m. past 7 in the morning.
 26 7 stars south 5 m. past 11 at night.
 27 Morning star riseth 38 m. past 3 in the mor.
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December hath xxxi. days

First quarter the 2 day at 2 in the morning,
 Full moon the 10 day at 4 in the morning,
 Last quarter the 18 day at 2 in the morning,
 New moon the 24 day at 7 at night,
 First quarter the 31 day at 7 at night.

| Festivals, | ☾ South. | Signs, | Mut. Aff. & Wea,

1	f	h 13 41 ☽	5	A. 46	feet	☿	Elong, max, a, ☉
2	g	4 24 44 ♀	6	36	feet		Good weather,
3	a	Adv. Sun.	7	22	head		fitting the season,
4	b	♂ 10 23 ☾	8	13	head		some snow
5	c	2 9 30 ☿	8	49	neck	Δ ☿	or rain a-
6	d	☾ w, 7 stars	9	34	neck		bout this time.
7	e	♂ 11 ☾	10	14	neck	☾	Apog,
8	f	☾ with ☽	11	2	arms	☿	
9	g	♂ 13 8 ♀	11	47	arms		Indifferent good
10	a	2 Advent.	12	37	breast		weather, the season
11	b	Δ ☿	1	m. 00	breast		considered.
12	c	♂ 14	1	45	breast		
13	d	Lucie V; M,	2	29	heart		storms
14	e	h 19 57 ☽	3	11	heart	☿	of snow
15	f	4 27 38 ♀	3	54	belly	☽ ☽	or rain a-
16	g	♂ 5 19 ☾	4	40	belly		bout this time.
17	a	3 Advent,	5	16	belly		
18	b	☾ w, sp, ☿	6	1	reins		
19	c	☐ 14	6	45	reins		
20	d	Emb, week	7	32	secrets		The weather pret-
21	e	St Thomas,	8	26	secrets		ty Temperate.
22	f	☾ w, cor m	9	19	thighs	* 14 ♀	
23	g	♂ 10	10	22	thighs	☾	Perig,
24	a	♂ 11	11	21	knees	☿	winds with
25	b	Christmas,	0	m. 43	knees		storms of snow or
26	c	St, Stephen	1	41	legs		rain, and Frost in-
27	d	St, John,	2	31	legs		termixed.
28	e	Innocents,	3	30	feet		The weather
29	f	h 19 26 ☽	4	17	feet	Δ ☽	Cloudy and
30	g	4 1 7 ☿	4	59	head		Cold to the Months
31	a	♂ 29 36 ☿	5	45	head		end.

The 6 day at 10 at Night, Saturn

The 25 day at 10 at Night, Jupiter

The 10 day at 10 at Night, Mars

The 21 day at 6 at Night, Venus

is with the
Moon

Decembers Observations.

Seven stars set 28 m. past 6 morn.

2d. day 7 stars south 2 m. past 10 at night.

3. day Morn star riseth 45 m. past 3 morn.

This month is a good time to fall Timber, to uncover the roots of Trees; as Apple-trees, &c. Now use Lime-twigs, or other Engines to take Birds. Let a warm fire be thy Bathe, the Kitchen thy Apothecaries shop, good hot meat thy Dyet; and according to thy ability invite thy Neighbours.

If thou be poor and canst not feast at all
Resort to them that do to feasting call.

15 day 7 stars set 24 m. past 5 morning.

16 day 7 stars south at 4 m. past 5 morn.

Morning star rises 17 day 21 m. past 4 morn

Now th'time of th year abounds with stormy weth.
I'de have young Girls to keep their legs together,
If they intice young men unto their Beds,
'Tis ten to one they'l spoil their Maiden-heads.

24th day 7 stars set 32 m. past 4 morning.

25 day 7 stars south at 12 min. past 8 night

26 d. Morning star rises 47 m. past 4 morn.

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The Explanation of the Almanack.

IN the First Column on the left hand Page, you have the dayes of the Month.

In the Second, you have the dayes of the Week, **A** being Dominical Letters.

In the Third, you have the Festivals, Planets places; and when the Moon will be with the Fixed Stars; whereby they may be known by observing when the Moon will be with them.

In the Fourth, you have the Moons Southing every day in the year.

In the Fifth, you have the Moons Signs.

In the Sixth, you have the Aspects and Weather; sometimes happening true, at other times false, as it is usually inserted in other Almanacks.

In the First Column on your right hand Page, you have the days of the Month.

In the Second, you have the Rising, Setting, and Southing of the Planets and fixed Stars, whereby may be known the hour of the Night at all times when the Stars appear.

Likewise when the Moon will be with the Planets, whereby they may be known by Shepherds or others (that will take the pains) to observe when the Moon is with them.

The Characters of the Seven Planets.

Saturn ♄, Jupiter ♃, Mars ♂, Sol ☉, Venus ♀, Mercury ☿, Luna ☾, Dragons head ♂, Dragons tail ☿

A Table of the Kings of ENGLAND. 26

*The Year, Month and Day, (ac-
counting the Year to begin on
the First of January) on which
each King and Queen since the
Conquest, began to Reign.*

*The number of Years,
& months that each King
and Queen Reigned, ac-
counting 28 days to each
month,*

K. Names,	Year	Month,	Ye.	M.	Since	
K. W. Con.	1066	Octob. 14	20	11	589	
W. Rufus,	1087	Septem 4	12	11	576	W. Ruf.
Henry I.	1100	August 2	35	4	532	Henry I.
Stephen,	1131	Decem. 2	18	11	522	Stephen,
Henry II.	1154	Octob. 25	34	9	487	Henry II
Richard I.	1189	July 6,	9	9	477	Richar. I
John,	1199	April 6,	17	7	450	John,
Henry III.	1216	Octob. 19	56	4	404	Henry II
Edward I.	1272	Nove. 16,	34	8	369	Edwar. I
Edward II	1307	July 7	19	7	330	Edwa. II
Edwar. III	1326	Januar 25	50	5	299	Edw. III
Richard II.	1377	June 21,	22	3	277	Richa. II
Henry IV.	1379	Septe. 29,	13	6	263	Henr. IV
Henry V.	1412	March 20	9	5	254	Henry V
Henry VI.	1422	August 30	38	6	216	Henr. VI
Edwar. IV	1460	March 4,	22	1	193	Edw. IV
Edward V	1483	April 9,	0	2	193	Edwa. V
Richar. III	1483	June 25,	2	2	191	Rich. III
Henry VII.	1485	August 22	23	8	167	Hen. VII
Henry VIII	1509	April 22	37	10	120	He. VIII
Edwar. VI.	1547	Januar. 28	6	5	123	Edw. VI
Qu. Mary,	1553	July 6,	5	4	118	Qu. Mary,
Qu. Elizab	1558	Nove. 17	44	4	74	Qu. Elizab
K. James.	1603	March 24	22	0	51	K. James,
K. Char. I.	1625	March 27	23	11	28	K. Char. I
K. Char. II.	1648	Januar. 30				

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Of the Eclipses of this present Year.

In this Year there will be two Eclipses, and both of them of the Sun.

The first Eclipse of the Sun will happen on *June* the first at 20 min. past 9 in the morning. It will be visible to us, and is celebrated in 21 Degrees of *Gemini* : It will appear total about the Hesperides or Canary-Islands, and will be seen to such as Inhabit *Greenland*, or Navigate in the North sea; Likewise in *Hispaniola*, *Cuba*, &c. and in several other places as the Globe will shew you; But it will not appear in all places alike Eclipsed, as every student in Astronomy must understand.

The second Eclipse of the Sun happens on *Novemb.* the 25 day, 57 min. past 7 in the morning; the Sun to us will rise eclipsed, and if the Air be clear, we may behold the Eclipse; but because it is not of much concernment to us, I shall say no more of it.

Rules for Blood-letting.

Let Youth blood from the change to the 1. Q.

In middle age, from the 1 Quart. to the full.

In Elder Age, from the full to the last Quart.

In Old Age, never but upon urgent necessity.

In necessity, from the last Qu. to the change.

It is best in the Spring to let Blood, in Summer Quarter 'tis indifferent; as for the rest of the Year, it is bad, and not be used, but upon necessity. The Morning fasting is best, or in the Evening after perfect digestion, provided the Air be temperate (if you can conveniently) let

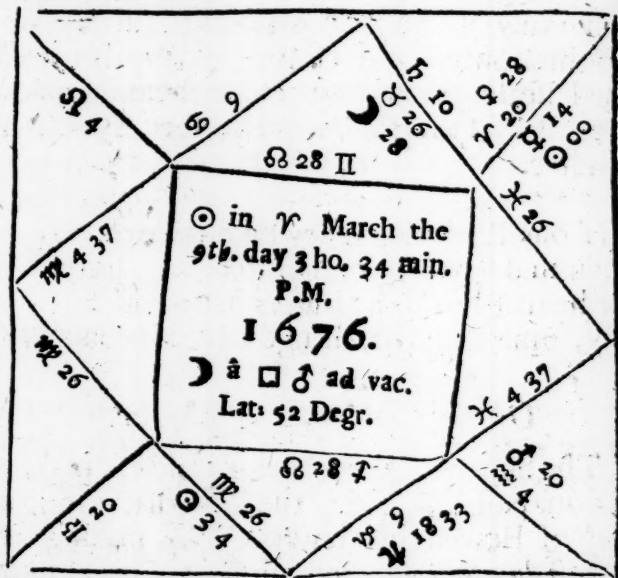
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let the Moon be in σ with γ or δ , or in $*$ or Δ . Those Persons are not fit to bleed that are under 14 years, or more then 56 years old; or those that be very lean, or exceeding fat: after Bleeding use no *Venery*, nor violent exercise.

Of the Four Quarters of the Year,

The Spring Quarter begins *March* the 9 day 34 min. past 3 in the Afternoon, according to the Learned *Heckers*; the *Sun*, that glorious Lamp of Heaven, then enters *Aries*; at whose presence the Trees bud, the Herbs grow, and every living thing rejoyceth: this Quarter continueth till the *Sun* hath run through γ & any Π , and endeth the 10 of *June*:



Having (as the usual manner is,) erected a Figure, which is set to the time above-named, viz. the *Sun*'s Ingress into *Aries*, we shall (according to ancient custom) give you our Astrological Judgement.

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We find Saturn placed upon the Cusp of the 10. House, the Moon and Dragons Tail in the 10, the Moon in \square to δ ; from which we Predict, that many shall be degraded and cast down from their Preferment they very lately possessed, when they least expect it: We also Predict great want of Trade and Commerce.

We will not forget our fellow Shepherds, but give them this Item, that we think that the Spring Quarter will be inclinable to drought, with many North or North-east winds. We also think Sheep will escape rotting this year: The Diseases of this Quarter are these, Meazles, Small Pox, Feavers, Madnes, sore Eyes, and such like.

If our Predictions they do chance to fail,
Thou must remember mortal man is frail;
For he that holds the waters in his hand,
May, can, and will, change all at his command.

Of the Summer Quarter.

The Summer Quarter begins the 10. of June 35 min. past 6 at night, the Sun that glorious lamp of Heaven then enters *Cancer*, making our longest day and shortest night: This Quarter continueth till the Sun hath run through *Cancer*, *Leo*, and *Virgo*; and endeth the 12 of September.

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Of the Autumn Quarter.

The Autumn Quarter begins the 12th. day of *September* at 57 min. past 9 in the morning; the Sun that glorious light of Heaven, then enters *Libra*, making our equal day and night: This Quart. continueth till the Sun hath run through *Libra*, *Scorpio*, and *Sagittarius*; and endeth the 10 of *December*.

Of the Winter Quarter.

The Winter Quarter begins *December* the 10. day 44 min. past 9 at night, the Sun that shining Lamp of Heaven then enters *Capricorn*, making our shortest day and longest night: This Quarter continueth, until the Sun hath run through *Capricorn*, *Aquaries*, and *Pisces*, and ends the 9th. of *March* 1676.

To know the Weather by the Rising and Setting of the Sun,

When th'sky looks red before the Sun rise you'l find,

That day produce some rain, or else some wind;

But if't be cloudy, and they vanish when

The Sun ascends, expect fair weather then:

And if't set red; it signifies that we

The day ensuing shall fair weather see.

If of a misty cloudy die, you'l gain

From hence this judgement, that th'next day

't will rain.

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By the Moon.

If clear and light her colour to you seem,
Not compassed with Mists ; then ye may doom,
Wee'ft have fair weather ; but on th'other hand
When she looks dim, and misty, and a band
Or circle like a wheel shews round her light,
Expect some Rain or Snow before next night.
The Moon's unconstant, and so apt to Change,
Like giddy heads, too subject oft to range.

Prognosticks by the Stars.

When th'Stars more bright and blazing do appear,

Then commonly in Summer-time we fear
Great winds and wet ; this symptome signifies
E'r long t'ensue ; and Shepherds that be wise
Will take their cloak (but not to cloak a knave)
But from the winds and rain their backs to save.

But if the Stars in winter-time do blaze,
And seem to twinkle ; when at them you gaze,
And th'wind blow North or East, it doth fore-
shew

Great Frosts at hand, which shortly will ensue :
But when they seem to shoot or fall, you may
Suppose great winds and rain ensue next day.
And if't fall three days later, do not from hence
Conclude 'tis false by your blind Consequence :
For from the Stars it is that we do find
When 'twill be fair, when rain, frost, snow , or
wind. By

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By the Clouds.

If th'clouds in shape be round like dapple gray,
And winds blow north or east, 'tis like next day,
And two dayes after, sometimes three be fair,
There's commonly from hence a serene air :
But if the clouds appear like rocks and towers,
Next day or two 'tis like t'be rain or showers:
When they seem small, and wax large in 2 hours,
Ye may then look for great & soaking showers.
When they seem large, & do decrease, we gather
From hence, forthwith that we shall have fair
weather.

By the Mists.

If Mists from Ponds and Rivers do arise,
And vanish there away, it signifies
It will be fair; but if they mount amain
To th'top of th'hills, you may expect some rain.
If a thick mist before the Sun doth rise,
Doth cleath the hills and dales, it signifies
If th'Moon be near opposing of the Sun,
VVe'll have fair air (if't be not yet begun.)
But when such Mists arise, and th'Moon be
new,
When she is old, some rain it doth fore-shew.

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By the Rain-bow.

If after a long drought you see th'Rain bow,
It shews some rain at hand : but farther know ;
If after a long time of wet you see
The Bow appear to view, it fair will be :
But if exceeding large it seem to th'view,
Much rain's at hand ; If red, wind doth ensue,
If in the morning it be seen, from hence
Small rains ensue, soon fair the consequence :
If you see two appear together, then
For th'present 'twill be fair, but it is ten
To one, but two dayes after you will see
Some rain ensue (perhaps it may stay three.)

By the Winds.

When th'wind to th'N.East turns & stands there
Two dayes, and in that time no rain appear,
Not turning South, and we have three days dry,
Twill blow 8 days, from the N.East (think I.)
And if it then come to the south again,
Next eight or nine days will produce no rain :
But if it turn from south to the North-east,
And rain when't turns, and there 2 fair days rest,
And turn not south nor rain till th' 3 days o're,
It's like to stand Northeast 2 months or more.
But th'wind will finish all these turns in three
Weeks time, towards the North (or Northerly)
When th'wind hath been ith'North two months
or more,
And comes to th'South, there's 3 fair days or four
And

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And then comes rain, else from the N. it blows,
But still 'tis drie, (as observation shews.)
But if in two days it turn south, and fair;
And then turn North (with rain) you'l have
your share.

Of turns and returns, and from hence may guess,
That 3 months 'twill blow south, or else southw.

As for the East wind I shall little say,
Only great droughts come when the wind's that
way :

But mostly rain comes from the south, or when
Winds turn from W. to S. (the rain falls then)
If th'wind come from th'south with a long rain
And as't stands there prove one week fair again :
'Tis somewhat rare! yet we may judg from hence;
Great droughts at hand, by a due consequence :
When th'wind turns from the N. to th'south,
then we

Have gentle Air, and seldom rain do see :
And on th'contrary, 'twill both blow, and rain,
When it turns from the south to'th Nor. again.
But Potent winds (which us much mischief do,)
Turn from the south to west, and to th'N. go :
But these strong winds blow for th'most part
fair

Drive away rain, and sweetly clear the Air.

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When it is likely to be Thunder in Summer.

When the Wind hath been three days ith' South,
and then

The time grows sultrey hot, and also when
Clouds with white tops arise, with Towers, so
As if one on anothers Back did go,
And joyn'd with black toward the neather side;
This is a sign in which you may confide,
That Rain and Thunder will ensue anon;
And bids the Shepherd put his great Coat on:
If two such Clouds as these by you be spide,
One t' rise of this, and one on t'other side;
It warns the *Burn-shin'd Herds-man* to be gone:
But the good Shepherd stands with's Cloak
hung on: [home]

Stands to his Sheep (though's little Dog run
Yet will he stay untill his time be come:
Yea, though a Wolf come to defend hee'l stay,
And keep his Sheep, and scorns to run away:
For he that runs, a hireling is [at best]
What sort of Shepherd s'ere 'twas he profest.

To know when the Wind turn before it do turn.

Seest thou a Cloud arise against the Wind,
Or on one side, when't comes o're thee (thou'lt find)
'Twill blow from that way where the Cloud did rise,
With a strong wind; and thus the reason lies,
Because that Wind that this new Cloud so drove,
Must needs transcend the weaker (though it strove)
As much as't could (although it lost the Field)
As many men with this World do (must yield)

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2. When all the skie is thick; so that you find,
A little place, to clear against the Wind;
untill it come over your Head, you may
From hence conclude, the Wind will blow that way
From whence the clearing did at first appear,
Though 'gainst the Wind, or which way't was so e're.

2. If th' Wind be North, and a clear Air you find,
And Southern Clouds arise against the Wind;
You may conclude just so, when Clouds arise
Against the Wind, from other parts of Skies.

When it rains, to know when t'will be fair.
When Showers come fast, & take us on a sudden;
They last as long, as't Cat stays Tyde to th'
pudding;
For when she has eaten all, there's a release,
So when the drops are come, the Showers must
cease.

2. If it begin to rain an hour or two
Before day break, the Symptome seems to shew
'Twil cease e're Noon, and farther notes that a
Fair After-noon, will end that rainy day:
But if one hour or two after the Sun
Doth rise [with us] it was th' rain begun,
(Except the Rain-bow did appear before)
'Twil rain all day [I doubt] before 't give ore;
And th' Air grow thick, and thicker by degrees,
And Sun shine dimmer til't shine not [by these]
Six hours rain will be Shepherds Lot:
Judge so if th' Moon, & Stars by night shine not.
When th' rain begins from th' South, with an
high Wind,
Raining 3 hours, and then th' Wind l a e, you'l
find.

And

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(And still caule not rain) by this you'l see;
That for twelve hours a rainy time 'twill be:
Yea often times it raineth on this wise,
Till a strong wind (to clear the air) arise:
Sometimes the rain lasts four and twenty hours;
And once most years there is such foking shows
Therefore if you will take a Journey, go;
When the N. wind hath clear'd the air, and so
Have staid there 2 fair days and no change make,
Nor change the 3d. day, then your journey take.

To know when it will be a wet Spring, and Summer, and subject to rot Sheep.

If th'eighteen last days of *February* be
Rain; and the first ten of *March*, you'l see
That the spring Quarter, and the summer too,
Will prove too wet, and danger so ensue.

To know how the Winter will prove.

If that *October* and *November* be
For th'most part rain and warm, expect to see
Cold *January*, and the next Month too,
Produce much Frost, except it do ensue
A hot dry summer; which if so, from hence
You must deduct the former consequence.
On the contrary; If *October* and
November, most be frost and snow do stand;
Then *January*, and the next month too,
Will open weather for the most part shew.

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To know when the Summer will rot Sheep.
If th'latter end of *February*, and
One half of *March* mostly by rain do stand;
Last part of *April*, and first half of *May*,
If th'ground be Flooded, then they'l rot we say
But mark this rule (which I to Shepherds put)
If th'ground be flooded e're the Hay be cut;
Though th'time prove after dry, yet still you not
Withstanding this, will danger't see a rot.

To know when the Winter will rot Sheep.
If that the ground in Autumn flooded were,
A Winter rot you then may greatly fear :-
And though you give them ne're so much Hay,
They will endanger to march most away.

The Conclusion.

And thus good Shepherds I have told you what
Is worth your minding ; therefore carpe ye not :
If you give Hay, let it be bright, and green ;
Then perhaps o'th score you may save nineteen ;
But if't be mow-burnt, dun, or red (tho sweet)
'Tmay spoil 19 of th'score, (or a great feat,)
Because it makes them thirsty, and so drink
Any bad water in the pond or sink.

Therefore (good Shepherds) I'de not have you
stay

At Piping Ales, when you should get your Hay ;
And (as I said elsewhere) though Fiddlers cry,
Sir, stay a while ; yet stay not thou (say I.)

But

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But when Sun shines, to make your hay be sure;
And being made, in Rick, or Barn secure.
From rain & weather which will much impair
Your hay, for sheep (if that you take no care)
Therefore (say I) once more to you, in time
Be sur' t' make hay whilst that the Sun doth shine.
And one thing more I crave, love one another,
As I love you, who am your loving Brother:

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* Brother *Shepherds*, if you well pleased be
With my endeavours; next year you shall see
Th' Moons rising and her setting calculatèd:
And in my Book the same exactly placèd.
That if you be ith' field in th' darkeſt night,
And *Luna* chance t' appear unto your ſight;
By her appearance, ye may nearly know,
Th' true time of th' night, the rule I'll to you
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